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H. R. 2496

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish an Abraham Lincoln Research and Interpretive Center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ABRAHAM LINCOLN INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

4 The Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Secretary
5 of the Interior to establish the Lincoln Home National
6 Historic Site in the State of Illinois, and for other pur-
7 poses”, approved August 18, 1971 (85 Stat. 347), is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 4. ABRAHAM LINCOLN INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to provide for the
3 education, inspiration and benefit of the American people,
4 and to further the interpretation of the life and contribu-
5 tions of Abraham Lincoln and his times, the Secretary of
6 the Interior is authorized to establish at or near the Lin-
7 coln Home National Historic Site an interpretive center
8 which shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Interpretive
9 Center (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘cen-
10 ter’). The center shall be added to and administered as
11 part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Upon
12 establishment of the center, the boundary of the Lincoln
13 Home National Historic Site is hereby modified to include
14 the center.

15 “(b) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—For the purposes of
16 this section, the Secretary may acquire land or interests
17 in land near the Lincoln Home National Historic Site by
18 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
19 or exchange. Lands or interests therein owned by the
20 State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof may
21 be acquired only by donation.

22 “(c) CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES.—In carrying out this section, the
23 Secretary is authorized to construct, operate, and main-
24 tain a facility, including an exhibit area, in order to pre-
25 serve and make available materials related to the life of
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1 Abraham Lincoln and to provide interpretive and edu-
2 cational services which communicate the meaning of the
3 life of Abraham Lincoln.

4 “(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
5 this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative
6 agreements with (1) appropriate Federal agencies and the
7 State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof, for
8 the interpretation of resources at the center, and (2) with
9 the owners of documents and artifacts of historical or cul-
10 tural significance as determined by the Secretary.

11 “(e) DOCUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS.—In carrying out
12 this section, the Secretary may acquire by purchase with
13 donated funds, exchange, loan, or donation documents and
14 artifacts related to the purposes of the center for display
15 at the center.

16 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
17 tion to amounts authorized to be appropriated by section
18 3, there is authorized to be appropriated not more than
19 \$18,000,000 to carry out this section.”.

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